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## Malaise, Gordon

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**From:** Rhodes, Dennis  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 09, 2004 3:40 PM  
**To:** Malaise, Gordon  
**Subject:** FW: LRB 05-0292/3

Gordon,

An additional wrinkle on the Family Foundations draft that I hope you can incorporate. DHFS is back to wanting single alpha (s.20.435 (5)(ab) for the both the universal and the targeted visiting program aids appropriations. Sorry to make you revisit this ground. This single alpa will be titled 'Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Universal Home Visiting Grants'.

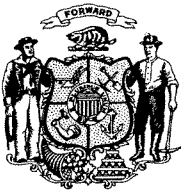
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Dennis

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**From:** Hadidian, Ellen  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 09, 2004 3:15 PM  
**To:** Rhodes, Dennis  
**Cc:** Daggett, Cynthia  
**Subject:** LRB 05-0292/3

Program staff have reviewed this draft and have one change to request. Upon further consideration, we would like to have both aids programs in the same alpha appropriation (s.20.435 (5)(ab)) but with different numerics. Could you ask the drafter to make this change? The technical corrections we sent to DOA last month includes this change. thanks very much.



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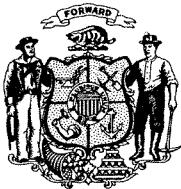
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4 social services under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23.

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6 in this state.

7           (c) “Local health department” has the meaning given in s. 250.01 (4).

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10 agencies that have agreed to implement jointly a program of universal home  
11 visitation services under this section.

12           (e) “Organization” means a county department, local health department,  
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15 ch. 181 that is a nonprofit corporation, as defined in s. 181.0103 (17).

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20 (6) INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS. Any informational materials about the home  
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\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats. ✓

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reservations of all of the Indian tribes to which grants are awarded under this section.

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(by <sup>CS</sup>SECTION <sup>AR1</sup>)

**SECTION 9421. Effective dates; health and family services.**

(1) HOME VISITATION SERVICES. The treatment of sections 20.435 (5) (ab), 46.515 (2) (by <sup>CS</sup>Section <sup>AR2</sup>), (3) (title), (a), and (b), and 46.516 of the statutes takes effect on January 1, 2007.

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**CHILDREN**

Under current law, DHFS administers a child abuse and neglect prevention program under which DHFS awards grants to counties and Indian tribes that offer voluntary home visitation services to first-time parents who are eligible for Medical Assistance. Current law requires DHFS to determine the amount of a grant awarded to a county or an Indian tribe in excess of the statutory minimum grant amount of \$10,000 based on the number of births that are funded by Medical Assistance in that county or the reservation of that Indian tribe in proportion to the number of those births in all of the counties and the reservations of all of the Indian tribes to which grants are awarded. Currently, no more than six rural counties, three urban counties, and two Indian tribes may be selected to participate in the program.

This bill requires DHFS to determine the amount of a grant in excess of the statutory minimum based simply on the number of births that are funded by Medical Assistance in a county or a reservation of an Indian tribe without regard to the number of those births in other counties and reservations. The bill also eliminates the caps on the number of counties and Indian tribes that may be selected to participate in the program.

In addition, the bill directs DHFS to award grants to applying county departments of human services or social services (county departments), local health



departments, Indian tribes, private nonprofit agencies, and local partnerships consisting of two or more county departments, local health departments, Indian tribes, and private nonprofit agencies (organizations) for the provision to all first-time parents in the community served by the organization of one-time, voluntary home visits. The purposes of the home visits are to provide those parents with basic information regarding infant health and nutrition, the care, safety, and development of infants, and emergency services for infants; to identify the needs of those parents; and to provide those parents with referrals to programs, services, and other resources that may meet those needs. Any information concerning an individual who is offered a home visit or provided with a referral under this bill is confidential, unless disclosure of the information is required or permitted under the child abuse and neglect reporting law, the use or disclosure of the information is connected to the administration of the program, or the individual consents to the use or disclosure of the information.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.435 (3) (de) of the statutes is renumbered 20.435 (5) (ab).

      \*\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

2           **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (3) (df) of the statutes is renumbered 20.435 (1) (ac).

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3           **SECTION 3.** 20.435 (5) (ab) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act ....

4 (this act), is amended to read:

5           20.435 (5) (ab) *Child abuse and neglect prevention and universal home*  
6 *visitation grants.* The amounts in the schedule for child abuse and neglect  
7 prevention grants under s. 46.515 and for universal home visitation grants under s.  
8 46.516.

9           **SECTION 4.** 46.515 (1) (i) of the statutes is repealed.

10          **SECTION 5.** 46.515 (1) (j) of the statutes is repealed.

11          **SECTION 6.** 46.515 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

1           46.515 (2) FUNDS PROVIDED. If a county or Indian tribe applies and is selected  
2   by the department under sub. (5) to participate in the program under this section,  
3   the department shall award, from the appropriation under s. 20.435 ~~(2) (de)~~ (5) (ab),  
4   a grant annually to be used only for the purposes specified in sub. (4) (a) and (am).  
5   The minimum amount of a grant is \$10,000. The department shall determine the  
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9   that county or the reservation of that Indian tribe in proportion to the number of  
10   births that are funded by medical assistance under subch. IV of ch. 49 in all of the  
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17   reservations of all of the Indian tribes to which grants are awarded under this  
18   section.

19           **SECTION 7.** 46.515 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act .... (this  
20   act), is amended to read:

21           46.515 (2) FUNDS PROVIDED. If a county or Indian tribe applies and is selected  
22   by the department under sub. (5) to participate in the program under this section,  
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12 ~~of the Indian tribes to which grants are awarded under this section.~~

13 **SECTION 8.** 46.515 (3) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 9.** 46.515 (3) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 10.** 46.515 (3) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 46.515 (3) and  
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17 **46.515 (3) JOINT APPLICATION PERMITTED.** Two or more counties and Indian tribes  
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2 social services under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23.

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6 ~~reservations of all of the Indian tribes to which grants are awarded under this~~  
7 ~~section. The department shall determine the amount of a grant awarded to a county~~  
8 ~~with a population of 500,000 or more in excess of the minimum amount based on 60%~~  
9 ~~of the number of births that are funded by medical assistance under subch. IV of ch.~~  
10 ~~49 in that county in proportion to the number of births that are funded by medical~~  
11 ~~assistance under subch. IV of ch. 49 in all of the counties and the reservations of all~~  
12 ~~of the Indian tribes to which grants are awarded under this section.~~

13 **SECTION 8.** 46.515 (3) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

14 **SECTION 9.** 46.515 (3) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

15 **SECTION 10.** 46.515 (3) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 46.515 (3) and  
16 amended to read:

17 **46.515 (3) JOINT APPLICATION PERMITTED.** Two or more counties and Indian tribes  
18 may submit a joint application to the department. ~~Each county or Indian tribe in a~~  
19 ~~joint application shall be counted as a separate county or Indian tribe for the purpose~~  
20 ~~of limiting the number of counties and Indian tribes selected in each state fiscal~~  
21 ~~biennium.~~

22 **SECTION 11.** 46.516 of the statutes is created to read:

23 **46.516 Universal home visitation services. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this  
24 section:

1 (a) "County department" means a county department of human services or  
2 social services under s. 46.215, 46.22, or 46.23.

3 (b) "Indian tribe" means a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band  
4 in this state.

5 (c) "Local health department" has the meaning given in s. 250.01 (4).

6 (d) "Local partnership" means any combination of 2 or more county  
7 departments, local health departments, Indian tribes, and private nonprofit  
8 agencies that have agreed to implement jointly a program of universal home  
9 visitation services under this section.

10 (e) "Organization" means a county department, local health department,  
11 Indian tribe, private nonprofit agency, or local partnership.

12 (f) "Private nonprofit agency" means a nonstock corporation organized under  
13 ch. 181 that is a nonprofit corporation, as defined in s. 181.0103 (17).

14 (2) AWARDING OF GRANTS. From the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (5)  
15 (ab), the department shall award grants to applying organizations for the provision  
16 of the home visitation services specified in sub. (3) (a). The department shall  
17 determine the amount of a grant awarded to an organization based on the number  
18 of first-time births in the community served by the organization. The department  
19 shall provide competitive application procedures for selecting organizations to  
20 receive grants under this subsection and shall establish a method for ranking  
21 applicants based on the quality of their applications. The department shall require  
22 a grant recipient to provide matching funds or in-kind contributions as determined  
23 by the department and shall ensure that a grant recipient does not use any grant  
24 moneys awarded to supplant any other moneys used by the grant recipient at the  
25 time of the awarding of the grant to provide home visitation services.

1           (3) PURPOSES OF GRANTS. (a) *Universal home visitation services.* An  
2 organization that receives a grant under sub. (2) shall use the grant moneys awarded  
3 to provide a one-time visit to all first-time parents in the community served by the  
4 organization for the purposes of providing those parents with basic information  
5 regarding infant health and nutrition, the care, safety, and development of infants,  
6 and emergency services for infants; identifying the needs of those parents; and  
7 providing those parents with referrals to programs, services, and other resources  
8 that may meet those needs. An organization may visit a first-time parent only if the  
9 parent or, if the parent is a child, his or her parent, guardian, or legal custodian  
10 consents to the visit. No person who is required or permitted to report suspected or  
11 threatened abuse or neglect under s. 48.981 (2) may make or threaten to make such  
12 a report based on a refusal of a person to receive a home visit under this paragraph.

13           (b) *Start-up costs and capacity building.* In the first year in which a grant  
14 under sub. (2) is awarded to an organization, the organization may use a portion of  
15 the grant to pay for start-up costs and capacity building related to the provision of  
16 home visitation services by the organization. The department shall determine the  
17 maximum amount of a grant that an organization may use to pay for those start-up  
18 costs and that capacity building.

19           (4) CONFIDENTIALITY. (a) *Nondisclosure of information; exceptions.* No person  
20 may use or disclose any information concerning an individual who is offered home  
21 visitation services under sub. (3) (a), including an individual who declines to receive  
22 those services, or concerning an individual who is provided with a referral under sub.  
23 (3) (a), including an individual who declines the referral, unless disclosure of the  
24 information is required or permitted under s. 48.981 (2), the use or disclosure of the  
25 information is connected to the administration of the program under this section, or

1 the individual has given his or her written informed consent to the use or disclosure  
2 of the information.

3 (b) *Explanation of confidentiality requirements.* An organization that receives  
4 a grant under sub. (2) shall provide or shall designate an individual or entity to  
5 provide an explanation of the confidentiality requirements under par. (a) to each  
6 individual who is offered home visitation services under sub. (3) (a) by the  
7 organization.

8 (5) NOTIFICATION OF PARENT PRIOR TO MAKING ABUSE OR NEGLECT REPORT. If a  
9 person who is providing home visitation services under sub. (3) (a) determines that  
10 he or she is required or permitted to make a report under s. 48.981 (2) about a child  
11 in a family to which the person is providing those services, the person shall, prior to  
12 making the report under s. 48.981 (2), make a reasonable effort to notify the child's  
13 parent that a report under s. 48.981 (2) will be made and to encourage the parent to  
14 contact a county department under s. 46.22 or 46.23 or, in a county having a  
15 population of 500,000 or more, the department to request assistance. The  
16 notification requirements under this subsection do not affect the reporting  
17 requirements under s. 48.981 (2).

18 (6) INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS. Any informational materials about the home  
19 visitation services provided under sub. (3) (a) that are distributed to a person who  
20 is offered or who is receiving those services shall state the sources of funding for the  
21 services.

22 **SECTION 9421. Effective dates; health and family services.**

(1) HOME VISITATION SERVICES. The treatment of sections 20.435 (5) (ab) (by SECTION 3), 46.515 (1) (i) and (j), (2) (by SECTION 7), (3) (title), (a), and (b), and 46.516 of the statutes takes effect on January 1, 2007.

4 (END)